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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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Application Number: 10/599,107  
Filed: September 19, 2006  
Applicants: George H. Tagawa, Kenneth K. Tagawa, Randall E. Tagawa, and  
Fred Naylor Blackmore, Jr.  
Title: Plant Punch Methods and Apparatus  
Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Son T. Nguyen  
Assignee: Tagawa Greenhouses, Inc.  
Attorney Docket: TGI-Shifter-USNP  
Customer No.: 33549  
Confirmation No.: 4215

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

**I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**

In the official action mailed June 25, 2009, the Examiner requires restriction in the above-referenced application. The Examiner has set forth Group I, claims 1-38 drawn to a plant punch apparatus and Group II, Claims 39-62, drawn to a plant punch method. A shortened statutory period of 1 month has been set, making a response to this action due on or by July 25, 2006. This response is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as amended using the format with each heading beginning on a separate page as follows:

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